GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Forest Protection – Red Sanders Anti–smuggling Task Force (RSASTF) – Created – Jurisdiction and functions – Substituting the Commissioner, Special Enforcement Bureau assisted by the Director, Special Enforcement Bureau as Supervisory Officer in place of Inspector General of Police, Rayalaseema Region, for effective control of Red Sanders smuggling – Amendment – Orders – Issued

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ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (Section.II) DEPARTMENT

**G.O.Ms.No.1** **Dated:21-01-2022**

Read the following:-

1. G.O.Ms.No.217, Finance (HR.I) Department, dt.25.11.2014.
2. G.O.Ms.No.103, EFS&T (Sec.II) Department, dt.29.12.2014.
3. G.O.Ms.No.41, G.A.(SEB-II) Department, dt.09.05.2020.
4. G.O.Ms.No.118, G.A.(SEB-I) Department, dt.26.11.2020.
5. G.O.Ms.No.120, GA(SEB.I) Department, dt.26.11.2020.
6. Commissioner, Special Enforcement Bureau, A.P., Vijayawada and Lr.No.Cr.No.616/2020/SEB/D1, dt.22.03.2021.
7. E-file of GA (SEB-II) Dept., ref.No.GAD01-AR0ACTS(RTI)/1/2021-SEB-II.(Computer No.1379786)

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ORDER:

In the G.O.1st read above, orders were issued, creating 463 posts for establishing the armed Joint Task Force consisting of Police and Forest personnel, called the Red Sanders Anti-Smuggling Task Force (RSASTF). The RSASTF shall function under the command and administrative control of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force) or any other senior officer specifically designated by him in this regard under the supervision of Inspector General of Police, Rayalaseema Region for operations and other related matters.

2. In the G.O.2nd read above, orders were issued, extending the jurisdiction throughout the state of Andhra Pradesh for enforcement and investigation of all matters involving illegal activities pertaining to Red Sanders within the State of Andhra Pradesh. The RSASTF exercises its powers as a Police Station as defined in Criminal Procedure Code and enforces the relevant provisions of Indian Penal Code, Criminal Procedure Code, Andhra Pradesh Forest Act, 1967, Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 and such other Acts and Rules as applicable relating to matters involving Protection of Red Sanders.

3. In the G.O.3rd read above, orders were issued, creating a new Department i.e., "Special Enforcement Bureau" with a view to enforce, stoppage of illicit distillation, bottling and curb smuggling of alcohol and also to control illegal mining. The Department of Special Enforcement Bureau is part of General Administration Department and is headed by the Director General of Police (HoPF) as Ex-Officio Principal Secretary to Government. The Special Enforcement Bureau has a Commissionerate headed by the Commissioner who will be the Head of Department (HoD) in the rank of Inspector General of Police or above and there will be one Addl.SP/ASP, Special Enforcement Bureau in each District for all the 18 Police Units.

4. In the G.O.4th read above, the Government have notified the structure and staffing pattern of the Special Enforcement Bureau, along with SEB stations and jurisdiction of the 208 SEB stations.

5. In the G.O.5th read above, orders were issued, according permission to SEB Department to handle the offences like Gambling and Gaming of all kinds including online betting, Matka etc., Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances like Ganja etc., manufacturing and sale of banned products like Gutka etc., and smuggling of Red Sanders.

6. In the letter 6th read above, the Commissioner of Special Enforcement Bureau, A.P., Vijayawada has requested the GA(SC.II) Department to substitute the Commissioner, SEB, assisted by the Director, SEB as Supervisory Officer in place of Inspector General of Police, Rayalaseema Region, for effective control of Red Sanders smuggling by amending the G.O.Ms.No.103, EFS&T (Section.II) Department, dated.29.12.2014.

7. After careful examination of the issue, Government have decided to issue amendment to the orders issued in G.O.Ms.No.103, EFS& T (Section-II) Department, dated.29.12.2014, as requested by the Commissioner, Special Enforcement Bureau, A.P., Vijayawada. Accordingly, the Government hereby issue the following amendment to the para-4(f) of G.O.Ms.No.103, EFS&T (Section-II) Department, dated.29.12.2014:

**Amendment**

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| **4(f) Command & Control:** The Red Sanders Anti-Smuggling Task Force (RSASTF) shall function under the administrative control of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force) and under the operational control of Director General of Police and functions under the supervision of Inspector of General of Police, Rayalaseema Region for operations and other related matters who will in turn report to the Director General of Police, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad. | **4(f) Command & Control:**The Red Sanders Anti-Smuggling Task Force (RSASTF) shall function under the administrative control of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force) and under the operational control of Director General of Police and functions, under the supervision of **Commissioner, Special Enforcement Bureau, assisted by the Director, Special Enforcement Bureau for effective control of Red Sanders smuggling.** |

8. The Director General of Police, Andhra Pradesh (HoPD) and the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force), Andhra Pradesh, are requested to take necessary action accordingly.

**(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)**

**VIJAY KUMAR GSRKR**
**SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT**

To
The Director General of Police, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada.
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), A.P. Guntur
All the Collectors and District Magistrates of all Districts of A.P.

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The P.S. to Chief Secretary to Government.
The PS to Secretary, EFS&T Dept.
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